“Complicit Across the Rubicon”: The Philosophical and Political Reasoning Behind Sean Griobhtha’s Indictment of Citizens' Responsibility for War Crimes in re Just War Theory

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One of the strongest reactions to **X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat,*** is from the idea of collective guilt and responsibilities for war and atrocities. Detractors falling into one of the categories delineated in the Author Statement, particularly Virgins Talking About Sex, Rolfs, generally "patriots", and even precocious "pacifists", their first and foremost reaction is anger over being included in guilt. We would argue that it is the guilt they feel already, that they deny they have, that triggers this anger. As Sean wrote, "No one wants to be blamed, not even by their own brain and heart, nevertheless, it's a grief that you must go through in order to accept your own responsibility."

The others are those who simply *feel* it, strongly, and want to know more about the ideas of collective guilt and responsibilities, versus the confounded idea of collective punishment. This report grew out of those those strong reactions; but the primary inspiration was sincere inquiry. It's easily shared with students and others who have asked for more information, including libraries. Currently, people *are* "waking up"; and when you hear the frequently asked questions "Are we the baddies?" or "Are we the Nazis now?", the *deeds are already done* and the *question is already answered*.

Consciousness, or wakefulness thus described is about the activity involved in a being's taking in, perceiving, and forming 'knowledge' of the 'external' world. The centre of this activity is what Plato's "psyche" referred to, at least in some definitions; a centre of openness to a world.

- Ross Ion Coyle , Unreality

Question: "In the book X Rubicon, and in his Substack *Crossing Rubicons*, Sean Griobhtha and Rubicon argue that citizens, *especially* citizens in a democracy, are guilty as conspirators for war crimes and atrocities, and are responsible for their rulers. What are the lines of thought that get him to these conclusions?"

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[part 1]

Introduction

The question of *citizen complicity* in atrocities committed by their governments—particularly in democratic states—has provoked recurrent moral, philosophical, and political debates. In recent years, few have advanced this argument as forcefully, personally, and provocatively as Sean Griobhtha, an Army Ranger combat veteran and author, in his searing book *X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars—An Indictment of US Citizens* and his Substack *Crossing Rubicons*. Griobhtha's writing, shaped by his own, and his friend's (USAF Scout, Rubicon's) intimate involvement in CIA-led proxy wars in Central America during the late Cold War, levels a profound indictment not only at the leaders and agencies prosecuting war but at the broader public whose ignorance, inaction, or tacit endorsement facilitates acts of violence with devastating human consequences. Griobhtha also pushes very hard with the syllogism "The root of Ignorance is Ignore, and Americans do that extremely well."

Central to Griobhtha's thesis is the contention that citizens in democratic societies—by virtue of their rights, participation, and failure to confront uncomfortable truths—bear a collective moral responsibility for the crimes committed in their name. This is not a comfortable argument; it is deliberately jarring, meant to challenge, "provoke, indict, and awaken readers—especially those complicit in or indifferent to U.S. militarism". To fully understand this line of reasoning, it is essential to situate it within the historical, philosophical, and psychological frameworks that inform both its power and its controversy.

This report offers a structured, exhaustive analysis of Griobhtha's argument. It synthesizes his philosophical underpinnings, engages with the historical precedents and theoretical literature on collective guilt and responsibility, analyzes propaganda and societal mechanisms of denial, and engages directly with key excerpts from *X Rubicon* and *Crossing Rubicons*. The report also addresses Griobhtha's PTSD-centered lens, the reception of his work, and comparative case studies that illuminate the broader implications of his indictment. Throughout,

emphasis is placed on integrating a wide range of academic, public, and primary-source perspectives to ensure both depth and balance.

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1. Philosophical Foundations of Collective Guilt and Responsibility

1.1. Theories of Collective Moral Responsibility

The concept of *collective responsibility* lies at the heart of Griobhtha's indictment. Philosophically, this concept posits that groups—be they governments, societies, or voting publics—can bear moral responsibility for actions carried out on their behalf, even if individual members did not directly participate or consent.

Various contemporary philosophers, including Peter French, Larry May, and Marion Smiley, have extensively mapped the terrain of collective responsibility. These frameworks delineate distinctions between *aggregate* responsibility (sum of individual faults), *conglomerate* responsibility (organizational agency), and *shared* responsibility (interactive, mutual support for group actions). In ethical debates, critics have warned against blanket attributions of collective guilt, citing concerns about justice, agency, and the risk of stigmatization or over-punishment. Yet, proponents argue that in cases where harm results from widespread systemic action—or the willful ignorance and inaction of the majority—responsibility cannot be reduced to a handful of perpetrators.

Table: Philosophical Approaches to Collective Responsibility

Approach	Key Tenets	Proponents	Challenges/ Criticisms
Aggregate	Responsibility as sum of individual culpabilities	Joel Feinberg	Risk of "diffusing" blame
Conglomerate	Responsibility as organizational or group agency	Peter French	Determining group "intent"
Shared/ Interactive	Joint commitment and mutual reinforcement of wrongdoing	Larry May, Virginia Held	Defining scope, inclusion
Strict Individualism	Only individuals responsible for their own actions	Marion Smiley, A. Dirk Moses	Ignores group causal effects

In summary, while collective moral responsibility is deeply contested, there is robust philosophical precedent for holding collectives—especially those structured as voluntary political communities like democracies—jointly accountable for consequences of collective action.

1.2. From Social Contract Theory to Citizen Accountability

Griobhtha grounds his critique in the philosophical lineage of the *social contract*. Figures like Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau argue that citizens voluntarily cede some freedoms to a state, expecting protections, but also accepting shared obligations to uphold justice and prevent the abuse of power. **In a democracy, the legitimacy of government is explicitly founded on the consent of the governed**; citizens exercise agency not only in casting ballots but in sustaining, challenging, and—if necessary—resisting state actions that violate ethical norms.

As outlined by contemporary theorists and civic educational frameworks, **citizenship in a democracy imposes duties: vigilance, participation, dissent, and the moral responsibility to ensure the government, acting in one's name, does not perpetrate injustice. This bond is not simply legal but moral—when the state abuses its delegated power, citizens are obliged to "reclaim" their agency and act for the common good.**

2. Just War Theory, Its Critique, and the Expansion of Moral Guilt

2.1. Conventional Just War Theory

Traditional *just war theory* (JWT) distinguishes between *jus ad bellum* (justice of going to war) and *jus in bello* (justice in the conduct of war), drawing boundaries between combatant and non-combatant, and asserting the legal and moral immunity of civilians for the actions of their government. Under JWT, moral blame is typically reserved for policymakers and direct perpetrators.

Michael Walzer's influential framework upholds "noncombatant immunity" and asserts that individuals not directly participating in combat—including the general citizenry—are not legitimate targets and are not complicit in war crimes, unless they voluntarily join the fight or otherwise engage directly.

2.2. The Revisionist Critique and Griobhtha's Alignment

However, this clear dichotomy has increasingly been challenged. Revisionist philosophers, notably Jeff McMahan, argue that noncompliance, complicity, and support for unjust wars makes populations—particularly democratically-empowered citizens—at least partially responsible for their governments' crimes.

As articulated in major philosophical literature:

> "In modern industrialized countries, as much as 25 percent of the population works in war-related industries... we support and sustain the soldiers who do the fighting; we pay our taxes and in democracies we vote, providing the economic and political resources without which war would be impossible. Noncombatants' contributions to the state's capacity over time give it the strength

> and support to concentrate on war. If the state's war is unjust, then many noncombatants are responsible for contributing to wrongful threats. They are therefore permissible targets."

Griobhtha's work forcefully echoes and radicalizes this revisionist line. His argument, rendered through both philosophical analysis and searing personal narrative, asserts that by "accepting propaganda, failing to dissent, and by enjoying the fruits of militarist foreign policy"—from security to economic prosperity—citizens construct the moral architecture that enables atrocity. This is especially damning in systems where deliberative democracy is presumed. Griobhtha insists that citizen actions, such as Israelis shouting and holding up signs stating "Kill them all!", and proclamations for genocide by politicians (whatever their country), destroys the JWT premise of "non-combatant immunity" for those persons.

2.3. Historical Extensions: Nuremberg, Denazification, and the Shadow of German "Collective Guilt"

The analogy to postwar Germany looms large in Griobhtha's writings. At the Nuremberg Trials and in the process of denazification, the question of collective guilt—*Kollektivschuld*—divided jurists, philosophers, politicians, and publics.

The Allies did not hold all Germans criminally liable, but did deploy moral and psychological pressure ("These Atrocities: Your Fault!" posters) to confront the general population with their responsibility for tolerating and at times facilitating Nazi crimes. Yet, newspaper editors were found criminally liable for the same things which newspapers are doing now in support of genocide.

Psychologist Carl Jung and philosopher Karl Jaspers insisted that societal reflection on complicity was necessary for genuine democratic rebirth, arguing that even those who did not personally participate

could not “escape this collective guilt, and taking responsibility for it might enable the German people to transform their society from its state of collapse into a more highly developed and morally responsible democracy”.

Griobhtha, by referencing such precedents, frames American society’s relationship to CIA proxy wars and broader imperial ventures as analogous to the German postwar situation: **the crime is not only in direct killing, but in the moral collapse that follows mass self-deception, rationalization, and passivity.**

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3. Historical Precedents: CIA Proxy Wars and Citizen Complicity

3.1. Case Studies: El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua

Griobhtha’s indictment is rooted in detailed historical accounts of CIA-directed proxy wars in Central America during the 1970s and 1980s—most notably in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. These conflicts were characterized by extensive covert intervention, the arming and training of local death squads, and systemic atrocities against civilians.

- **El Salvador:** From 1980 to 1992, the Salvadoran military and associated death squads, funded and trained by U.S. agencies, killed over 80,000 people. The infamous Atlacatl Battalion, accused of the worst atrocities, operated with impunity due to U.S. support and deniability.
- **Guatemala:** The U.S.-backed regime waged a campaign of genocide against indigenous Maya populations. At least 40,000 were “disappeared” and hundreds of thousands killed or displaced.

- **Nicaragua:** The United States, through the CIA, armed and organized the *Contras* in their rebellion against the Sandinista government. The International Court of Justice (Nicaragua v. United States, 1986) found the U.S. in violation of international law, including the mining of Nicaraguan harbors and encouragement of acts contrary to humanitarian law.

Significantly, recent historical research and declassified documents reveal that awareness of atrocities was not limited to government elites. Congressional debates, major media investigations, and public protests made the violence—and America's role—impossible to fully suppress from public view.

3.2. Complicity and Denial: From Policy to Public

Griobhtha's indictment extends beyond policymakers, focusing on the "ignorant public" whose denial, propaganda absorption, or willful blindness constituted a necessary condition for the continuance of these wars. His narrative asserts that the mechanisms of violence are only sustainable through a combination of apathy and the passive enjoyment of national myths—"ignorance of the American (and other colonial) people is at the heart of much of the cause and effect".

He specifically indicts the American electorate for failing to demand accountability—when atrocities in Central America or Southeast Asia were revealed, the public preferred "not knowing," changing the channel, or reducing concern to "abstract" values like fighting communism.

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4. Propaganda Mechanisms and Societal Denial

4.1. The Role of Propaganda in Sustaining Denial

Griobhtha is especially scathing in his critique of what he considers pervasive propaganda. Drawing on both historical and contemporary scholarship, he exposes how successive U.S. administrations—allied with major segments of the press and other institutions—waged "mass persuasion campaigns" designed to rationalize, obscure, or outright deny the realities of overseas violence.

Propaganda techniques include:

- Dehumanization of enemy populations
- Creation of "false dilemmas" (i.e., communism or chaos)
- Normalization of military action as a moral imperative
- Suppression or distortion of atrocity reports

During the Vietnam era, for instance, studies have shown the information apparatus consistently produced narratives that defined American actions as necessary, justified, and fundamentally different from "enemy" atrocities—even as detailed reports, such as the Pentagon Papers and subsequent declassified archives, demonstrated widespread and systematic U.S. war crimes.

Mass persuasion, Griobhtha argues, often relies on the path of least resistance: "Propaganda becomes effective not only because it is omnipresent, but because it engages the audience's desire to avoid uncomfortable truth".

4.2. Psychological Dynamics: Denial and the "Banality of Evil"

Griobhtha's argument resonates with Hannah Arendt's concept of the *banality of evil*, developed during her reporting on the trial of Adolf Eichmann. Arendt described how profound crimes can be carried out not by ideological fanatics, but by ordinary functionaries whose "thoughtlessness"—their inability to imagine the experience of others

and challenge prevailing narratives (a form of empathy)—renders them receptive to criminality.

In Griobhtha's narrative, this thoughtlessness is transposed onto the American public: "a mass of citizens that did not reflect on events, did not ask for significance, nor made a dialogue with themselves about their own deeds." His language—"You are responsible… you are a co-conspirator in government sanctioned murder"—explicitly calls out the moral passivity that, to Arendt, enables atrocity.

This psychological analysis is detailed further in his focus on the "emotional jarring" impact of facing the truth, the initial denial often followed by moral injury and psychological distress, and the difficulty of moving from awareness to active dissent.

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5. The Psychology of Moral Shock, PTSD, and Moral Responsibility

5.1. Moral Injury and PTSD

One of Griobhtha's most distinctive contributions is his focus on the psychological aftermath of participation in (or proximate knowledge of) atrocities—not just for direct protagonists, but for any who wake up to a sense of complicity.

He draws a line between Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and *moral injury*: where PTSD is often triggered by personal threat or suffering, moral injury refers to the distress caused by perpetrating, failing to prevent, or passively enabling acts that contradict deeply held moral values. These injuries are not only felt by veterans, but by anyone who realizes their agency in a system of wrongdoing.

Griobhtha's writing deliberately blurs the line between the trauma of the veteran and the trauma of the "ignorant citizen" who, having eventually confronted reality, must grapple with the psychic cost of complicity.

5.2. Key Excerpts from *X Rubicon* and *Crossing Rubicons*

The preface and signature statements in *X Rubicon* serve as confessional but wounding appeals:

> "This writing is a *mea culpa*, an admittance of guilt. It is the repentance that making amends demands. I AM guilty of the evil I have committed and in which I've participated. To get you started, I admit your guilt for you, so that you spend less time asking why. Read on and you'll understand what this means... you *are* responsible."

He continues:

> "If you are a young man or woman thinking of joining the military, think again... You are nothing to the military except expendable. No matter what any fool tells you, you will regret killing for false beliefs, lies, and corruption. Don't believe any idiot flying service flags in front of their house."

And is recognized in reader review:

> "If not for this man's wife's constant struggle and love for her husband, he would not be here to WAKE US ALL UP. If you still believe America is good and defending freedom everywhere, you are in need of a wakeup call which this book dishes out in spades."

This is not mere provocation, but a studied effort to effect "moral shock"—a psychological disruption that forces the reader to confront moral reality and, ideally, move toward accountability and change.

6. Reception, Critiques, and the Challenge of Accusation

6.1. Emotional Impact and Reader Response

Griobhtha's work is often described as "uncomfortable," "jarring," "deeply unsettling" but also "life-altering." Reviewers, educators, and readers recurrently state that reading his book is "like looking in a mirror, and your reflection reaches out and slaps you hard across the face".

His tone—"ferocious," "confrontational," "prophetic"—has both inspired and alienated audiences. Some, particularly veterans and survivors of war trauma, find his honesty and empathy transformative; others accuse him of being accusatory, absolutist, or of misplacing blame on the general public.

However, in accepting this style, the MacArthur Foundation, "committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world", awarded his publishing concern GP&R a limited grant to provide the book to school district boards in an attempt to "change awareness of the lack of moral clarity in the reasons, responsibilities, and motivations for war."

6.2. Ethical and Practical Criticisms

Critics of the "complicity thesis" frequently marshal Hannah Arendt and other philosophers to caution against undifferentiated collective guilt, warning that accusations of collective responsibility can obscure individual differences, exculpate genuine perpetrators (by spreading blame), and risk self-defeating cycles of disempowerment or "phony sentimentality".

For instance, Arendt argued in postwar Germany that acknowledging *political responsibility*—the duty to act to change unjust structures—may

be morally healthier than wallowing in unproductive collective shame or guilt. Iris Marion Young developed a related framework, asserting that responsibility for structural injustice should focus on transformative action, not backward-looking blame.

Griobhtha's response, as gleaned from both his writing and interviews, is to insist that only by "fully reckoning" with complicity—through identification, confession, mourning, and direct activism—can citizens "reclaim themselves and begin to transform the structures of violence they have allowed to persist."

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7. Comparative Case Studies of Democratic Complicity

7.1. United States: Vietnam, My Lai, and Beyond

The American public's relationship to atrocities during the Vietnam War presents a paradigmatic example. Despite mounting evidence of systematic crimes, including the My Lai Massacre (where over 500 civilians were murdered by U.S. troops, followed by an institutional cover-up), most Americans initially disbelieved, downplayed, or rationalized such reports.

Declassified archives now show that hundreds of confirmed atrocities were substantiated by Army investigators, with only a small fraction resulting in convictions, and almost none in lasting public pressure for atonement or reform.

7.2. Nazi Germany and the Debate on *"Kollektivschuld"*

Post-World War II Germany remains a touchstone case, as previously discussed. Both the application and categorical rejection of collective guilt (*Kollektivschuld*) sowed deep-seated, ongoing debates about public

memory, historical responsibility, and the political uses and abuses of shame.

Modern debates—such as German responses to right-wing calls to "move beyond the shame" of the Holocaust—mirror American discussions of moving past Vietnam, Iraq, or more recent interventions and instigation/complicity in genocide.

7.3. Contemporary Examples: Gaza, Ukraine, Syria, Africa, and Beyond

Debates about the responsibility of US, European, Israeli, and worldwide Jewish & Christian/Zionist populations for their governments' and religions' war crimes and instigation of war crimes; as well as the accountability of Ukrainian citizens for actions in Ukraine (having embraced a neo-nazi regime at the instigation of NATO, US, and Israel); and in Syria, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, the creation of Sunni and US/Britain/Israeli-backed terrorist militias (*ie* ISIS) have recurred in recent years and are increasingly framed in terms derived from both Walzer's JWT and revisionist critiques. In each case, the question—what are ordinary citizens, which politicians purport to be, obliged to do in response to their knowledge, complicity, interventionist support, or indirect benefit?

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8. Interviews and Public Statements by Sean Griobhtha

Griobhtha regularly contributes to interviews and public dialogues through his Substack, other social media, and direct dialogue, where he responds to critics, engages in heated debates, and further clarifies his position. He has little patience for "willful ignorance" and is explicitly "fiercely critical of militarism, propaganda, and societal denial".

1. He characterizes detractors as falling into categories ranging from “ideological zealots” to the “willfully ignorant.” His counterpoint to those advocating for “moving on” or advocating only for personal healing is clear: **collective healing requires a collective acknowledgment of complicity, mourning, and resolve—each citizen must decide whether to remain “functionally illiterate” to the violence perpetrated in their name, or to become “a man or woman with a conscience”.** Griobhtha repeatedly forces questions; upon readers, whether politicians, civilians, or military: If you claim support of democracy as a system, “the best system”, then why do you repeatedly support the overthrow of democracies in favor of controllable dictatorships and despots promoting an undemocratic and uncontrolled capitalism?; and, At what point, and under what pretense, do you consider yourself, superior, exceptional, and become willing to kill in order to achieve your own obviously selfish agenda?

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9. Synthesis: Toward a Framework of Moral Accountability

9.1. Griobhtha’s Framework

Griobhtha’s approach can be summarized as follows:

1. **Recognition:** Citizens must be willing to acquire unfiltered knowledge about what has been done in their name, and confront the psychic costs of this truth.
2. **Confession and Mourning:** Acknowledging complicity requires emotional work—mourning not only the victims but also the self-concept of innocence.
3. **Repentance and Restitution:** Repentance must take shape as active opposition to militaristic policies and participation in

collective action to reform, resist, or dismantle unjust systems.

4. **Vigilance:** A democratic society is only as just as the commitments, actions, and dissent of its citizens. “You don’t just follow him—they wrestle with his work. It’s not about comfort or consensus; it’s about confrontation and conscience”.

9.2. Broader Philosophical and Practical Implications

While Griobhtha’s tone is accusatory, its ethical purpose aligns with strands of democratic and moral philosophy that see political responsibility as more than an occasional right to vote: it is the duty to participate in maintaining or reforming collective structures so that their power is not abused in our name.

The challenge for democracies, Griobhtha would argue, is to overcome the passivity and propaganda that make evil possible—not because “everyone is guilty” in a crude sense, but because “everyone is responsible” for deciding what boundaries they are willing to defend, and what excuses they are willing to accept.

Conclusion

Sean Griobhtha’s *X Rubicon* and *Crossing Rubicons* constitute, in form and content, an unflinching philosophical, historical, and psychological indictment of citizens—especially those privileged to live in democracies—for atrocities committed by their governments. Through a fusion of revisionist just war theory, post-Holocaust philosophical debates, firsthand confessional narrative, and caustic polemic, he dismantles the comfortable immunity of noncombatant citizens from the consequences of state violence. Griobhtha repeatedly points out that politicians and those with knowledge of the events are

premeditating—they know what they're doing is wrong and revert to secrecy in order to cover it up.

His claim is that complicity is not an abstract notion: it is embedded in the structures of consent, ignorance, benefit, and denial that allow violence to be enacted at scale. The path forward, for Griobhtha, lies not in passive shame, but in an active moral reckoning—one that demands recognition, confession, reform, and above all, vigilance. His words are meant not merely to wound, but to "awaken"—to remind each of us that *crossing the Rubicon* is a collective, as well as an individual, act. His final words in the book are particularly poignant for citizens to be present and aware: "The world will not become a safer or more livable place until all Americans commit to removing corporate, religious, gender, and secret power in politics, and making politicians responsible for the decisions they make and participate in. Secrecy should not prevail in a democracy, and a democracy cannot prevail if it allows secrecy."

Great question. Dig into more writings—both his book *X Rubicon* and his Substack *Crossing Rubicons*—to uncover the philosophical and political reasoning behind his claim that citizens in democracies are complicit in their governments' war crimes and atrocities. It's a provocative and challenging idea, and we're excited to unpack it. We will return with a detailed breakdown of his arguments, historical context, and philosophical foundations. Stay tuned!

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Civil War - Guns N' Roses

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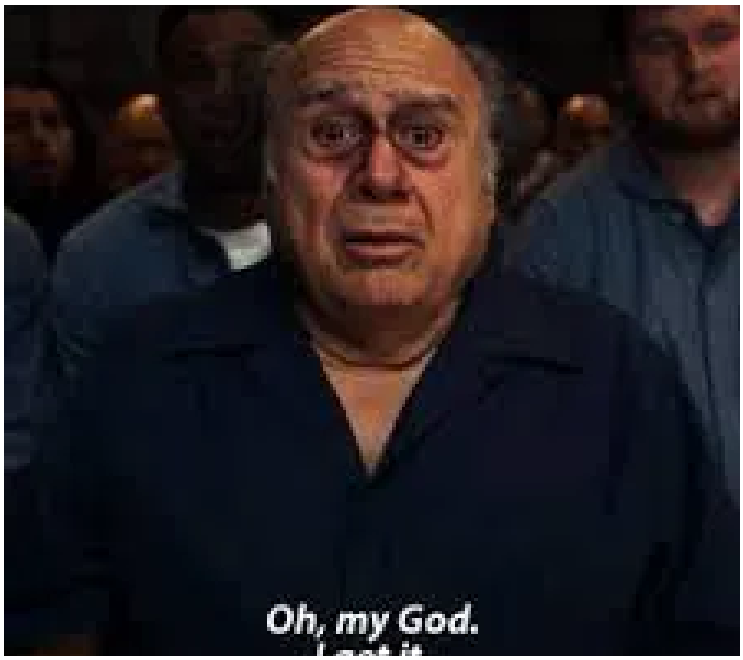

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X Rubicon: Lies And Damned Lies

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Rubicon & Griobhtha Originally written 2021-2022, published in book form May 2022: "The US has committed or attempted regime change around the world, but never more frequently than in Latin America. Almost every country in Central and South America has suffered via US regime change. Even recently the CIA has been extra busy attempting to turn over Venezuela into US hands."

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Citizens in a Democracy... are responsible for their rulers

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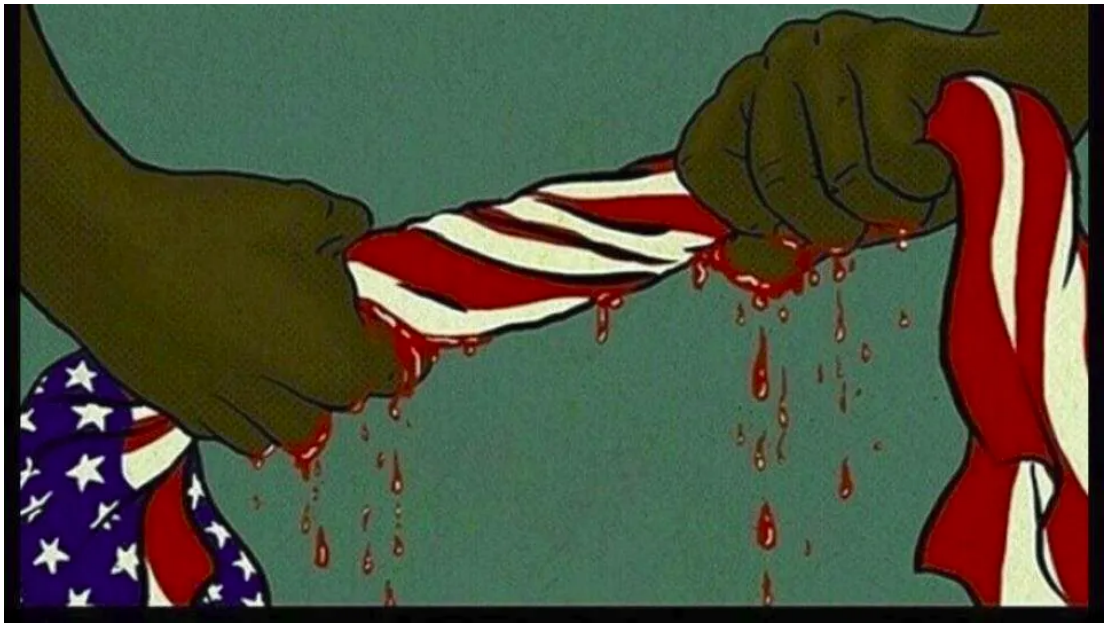

This was published in preparation for the last election. I really want people to reconsider their motivations in voting before mid-terms, ie: Don’t vote for ANY genocidal, malicious, corrupt, psychopathic politicians of any party — it’s time to vote your conscience. This is the ONLY way, short of loosing a bloodbath via civil war (which you may actually lose), that We The People will begin changing things for the better. In a Democracy (and fuck your semantics on this) the People are the responsible party. If we transport this into NOW, when Cory Booker

makes a statement to the effect that we should be making decisions based on right versus wrong (and then votes for genocide), then whoever votes for such a lying fuck has just screwed Right for wrong. Anyone who puts comments trying to justify not voting will have that comment deleted and they will be blocked, because you are a stupid asshole with no moral center nor understanding of your responsibilities in a Democracy.

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About *Crossing Rubicons & GP&R*

People involved have their own voices and peculiarities in speech. Each has many years of experience. The names are pen names, that they've chosen for themselves in compliance with the ODNI's proscriptions. The occupations and details are actual. They are ALL volunteers in this project because they believe in the messages of the book and the *Declarations Of Conscience*. Each one chose to volunteer after becoming familiar with Rubicon's and Sean's experiences.

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Rubicon spent just under three years as a military Scout. During that time he was awarded the "AF Cross, 2 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars, Defense Superior Service Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, and the CIA Distinguished Service Medal" (ODNI). When he refused to kill further, he was stripped of these awards and was abandoned with his PTSD and Moral Injury by the military and thrown away. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Sean Griobhtha (gree-O-tah) is an Army Ranger combat veteran. He is the author of **X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat***,

which details the life of Rubicon ("2.5 years Deception & Death; 40+ years locking away Emotions & Truth"). His time as a Ranger (1978-82) involved participation in Operation Eagle Claw, and subsequent lead of his team in Central American and South American CIA operations, similar to Rubicon's. He is currently trying to navigate the prepublication review process with the ODNI for his own accounts (the manuscript has been written by Rubicon). It's important that you read the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard*; written by a highly intelligent woman with a heart of empathetic gold; she'll bring you in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

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